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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 1999, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 11:01 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, our hearts are filled with praise. You have chosen to be our God and chosen each of us to know You. The most important election of life is Your divine election of each of us to know You and serve You. Thank You that we live in a land in which we have the freedom to enjoy living out this awesome calling. We are grateful for our heritage as "one Nation under God."

We praise You for Your love that embraces us and gives us security, Your joy that uplifts us and gives us resiliency, Your peace that floods our hearts and gives us serenity, Your Spirit that fills us and gives us strength and endurance.

Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use all the gifts of intellect and judgment that You provide. Give the Senators a perfect blend of humility and hope so that they will know that You have given them all that they have and are and have chosen to bless them this day. May their service be an expression of their gratitude. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will begin a period of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the articles of impeachment. It is the majority leader's hope that today's presentation by the White House can be concluded by early evening so that Members may attend the lecture series which begins at 6 p.m. That lecture series will be in the Old Senate Chamber. The guest speaker this evening will be former President George Bush. I remind all Senators that upon recessing this evening, the Senate will reconvene on Thursday at 1 p.m. to resume consideration of the articles.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with 60 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader and 60 minutes under the control of the Senator from Georgia, Mr. COVERDELL, or his designee.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 40, S. 41, S. 42, S. 43, S. 44, S. 45, and S. 46.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, Senator HELMS has seven bills at the desk that are due for their second reading, and I now ask unanimous consent that

they be considered as read a second time and placed on the calendar en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 254

Mr. VOINOVICH. I understand that S. 254, introduced by Senator HATCH and others, is at the desk, and I ask that it be read for the first time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 254) to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by and rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes.

Mr. VOINOVICH. I would now ask for its second reading.

Mr. NICKLES. I object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. VOINOVICH. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 11 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) providing for an adjournment of the House.

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